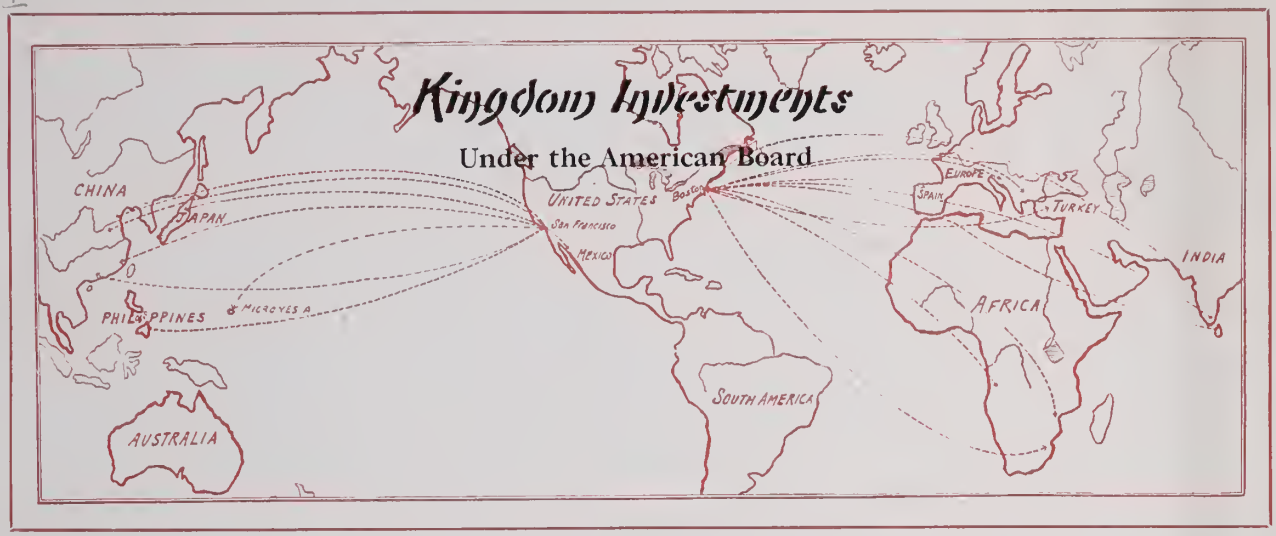


Shall They Be in China?

THE American Board can offer no greater privilege to the churches than to share the work of our missionaries in China at a time like this. Many considerations conspire to make this a supreme call. "Not only is China the greatest opportunity which has ever come to the Christian church, but it is the greatest opportunity which ever can come." So said Professor Edward C. Moore, of Harvard, in a recent address.

We have to do with the largest of nations — 400,000,000 people, one quarter of the earth's population. We have to do with a people of remarkable character, or they would not have maintained a continuous existence for over four thousand years. We have to do with an area of untold natural wealth, second only to the continent of Africa in its undeveloped resources. Said Napoleon, "When China begins to move, she will move the world." And China has already begun to move. She has awakened from her long sleep. Her face is towards the future. Her renaissance has come. In spite of internal dissension and political weakness, much progress has been made. The Washington Conference has put a stop to foreign aggressions and insured the political integrity of China. The principle of the "open door," for which America has stood since the days of John Hay, has been accepted by the great powers. A new era dawns for this ancient people.

THE HOUR OF CHRIST HAS STRUCK

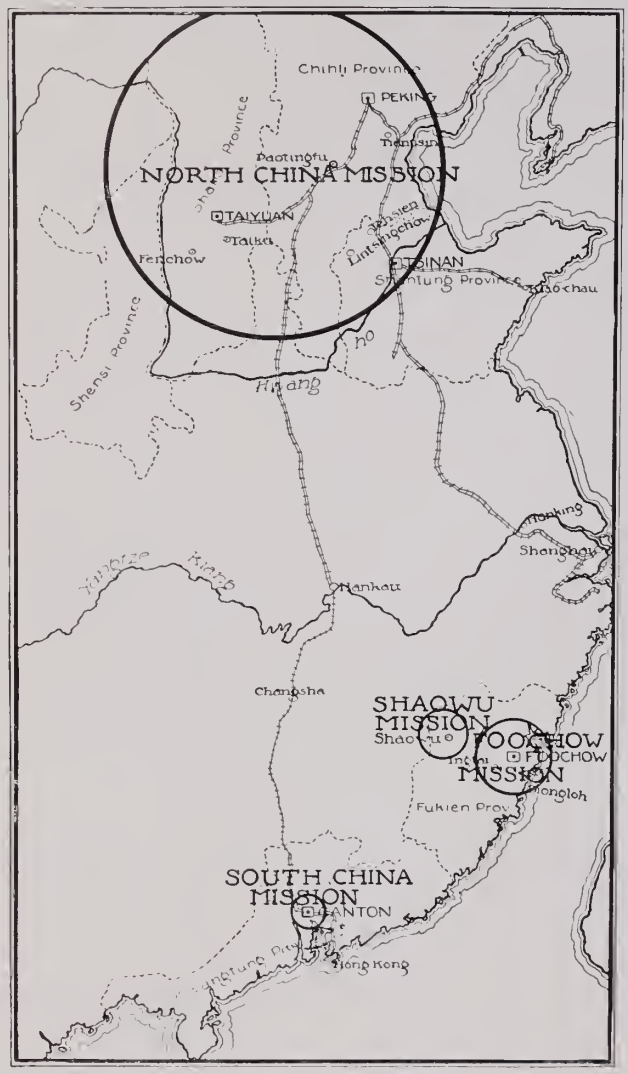
Most wonderful of all is the changed attitude towards Christianity. In 1900 the Chinese Government, in league with the Boxers, determined to drive out all foreigners and to put the Christians to death. Eighteen thousand suffered martyrdom. Every American Board station in North China was destroyed but one. Today government officials are co-operating with the missionaries in establishing Christian institutions, and masses of the people are pressing into the church. Was there ever such a reversal of the religious attitude of a nation! Said a Chinese official recently, "We have taken over everything else from the West except your religion. We have adopted your form of government; we have established your system of public schools; we are modeling our business according to your ideas; and we find ourselves worse off than we were before. May it not be that we have missed the principal thing from the West, and that we shall find in Christianity the solution of our national problem?" With 700,000 Protestant Christians scattered through the eighteen provinces, in seven thousand communities, and the rate of progress steadily rising, it is clear we are facing an opportunity of the ages. The hour of Christ has struck in China.

AN OPEN DOOR FOR WHAT?

"O God, make China like America," was the prayer of a Foochow official at a recent meeting. You can help answer that prayer. American business is on tiptoe to enter this open door. In 1919, on the average, one new American corporation arrived in Shanghai each day in the year. In 1920 twenty-one cotton factories were erected, nearly all equipped with American machinery. Shall America send to China her machinery, her hardware, her shoes, her kerosene, her tobacco, and not send her Gospel? What is the church going to send through the open door? The American Board proposes that we shall send in the kindergarten, the Christian academy, the college, the university, the dispensary, the hospital, the industrial plant, the agricultural experiment station, the Sunday School, the Endeavor Society, the Church — and, most and best of all, men and women of consecration and training who will give China the helping hand.

WHAT THE AMERICAN BOARD IS DOING IN CHINA

We were the first among American societies to enter this great land, Dr. Elijah Bridgman having been sent out in 1830. Today we have four missions, strategically located. Centering in Canton, the greatest city of the country, we have our South China Mission. Centering in Foochow City, in Fukien Province, we have our Foochow Mission. In the western section of Fukien we have the Shaowu Mission, as an outgrowth of the Foochow work. The greatest of all is the North China Mission, centering in Peking. These four missions maintain twelve stations, where missionaries are resident, and 313 outstations. The missionary force is 211, of whom nineteen are physicians. Associated with the missionaries, and devoting their whole time to the work, are 1,047 trained native preachers, teachers, and other workers. Thirteen hospitals afford relief to areas with a population of sixteen millions. Our churches number 214; we have 328 schools, enrolling 11,857 pupils. In combination with other boards, British and American, we are conducting seventeen union institutions. Our Chinese churches contributed last year, for their own work, $104,621.



THE INVESTMENT PLAN

Through this plan we are seeking to cover $20,000 of our China budget. In selecting the items we have had in mind the fact that churches and individuals will wish to engage in as wide a variety of work as possible. They will want to feel that they are preaching the Gospel with our evangelists, furnishing Christian education with our educators, healing the sick with our doctors and nurses, teaching agriculture to the farmers, and trades to the boys and girls. To make the budget doubly attractive we include the salaries of twelve missionaries located in different parts of the country.

SOUTH CHINA MISSION

First of all we wish to provide the support of Rev. and Mrs. Obed S. Johnson of Canton, who are engaged in the training of native pastors, and in the supervision of a promising evangelistic work among the villages to the south. We wish also to provide $1,000 toward the fund with which they conduct their work. It is one of our most fruitful fields.

FOOCHOW MISSION

The Province of Fukien contains more Christians than any other section of China. The CITY OF FOOCHOW is one of the greatest educational centers of the land. The Congregational, Methodist, the Reformed Church, and the Church of England missionaries have united in their higher educational institutions. For the Union University and the Union Middle School, together with certain day schools in the city, we assign $2,000.

In the same mission is INGTAI, the station of Rev. Edward H. Smith, one of the most successful missionaries, well known at home. Under his vigorous leadership the Gospel is spreading rapidly throughout the section. We have placed in our budget $1,000 for Ingtai, so that the subscribers may know that they have a hand in this station, where not only the people, but the government officials are eager to have Christianity prevail. In addition we are asking help for the Academy at Ingtai, under the charge of Rev. Fred F. G. Donaldson, part of the salaries of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson being included in the $20,000.

SHAOWU MISSION

SHAOWU is one of the most promising fields, both for evangelism and education. Several villages on the Min River have voluntarily thrown away their idols, casting them into the stream, or burning them in the market place, and are asking for Christian teachers. We are naming $2,000 for evangelistic work in such villages.

Our Academy at SHAOWU CITY, in charge of Rev. Charles L. Storrs, has a record which possibly cannot be equaled by any other institution, in that not one pupil has ever graduated without becoming a Christian. Would you like to have a hand in such a school as that? Part of the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Storrs is included in our budget. In addition we have put in an item for our new agricultural work at Shaowu, in charge of Charles H. Riggs, who is introducing all sorts of new crops into China, in order to prevent famine, and to furnish a better economic basis for Christian work in the province. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are also earnest evangelistic workers. Agriculture, education, evangelism — a great combination.

NORTH CHINA MISSION

We are including five stations in North China. Each is a world of opportunity. Paotingfu, where Horace Tracy Pitkin, Mary Morrill, and Annie Gould laid down their lives in 1900, has become the center of one of the most promising evangelistic enterprises in the world. Some four thousand people are on the waiting list today, desiring to enter the church. They are waiting until teachers can instruct them in "the way," before they receive baptism. You can help meet this great situation by taking a share in these **Kingdom Investments.** We name $2,000 for that purpose.

In the Province of Shantung, made famous by the Versailles Treaty and the Washington Conference, is LINTSING, the center of a population of several millions. The results we are getting in the Paotingfu field can be obtained in Lintsing if we push the work. The people are ready. Are you ready? One thousand dollars is the sum named.

Also in Shantung is our well-established work at TEHSIEN, where "The Grinnell in China" is located, famous also for its hospital in charge of Dr. and Mrs. Francis F. Tucker. For the medical work in this place we are asking $1,000. In addition we ask for $1,000 to care for evangelistic opportunities here.

TAIKU, in Shansi Province, is the station in which Oberlin is especially interested, their students and alumni supporting a large part of the educational work. There is also an important medical work there in connection with the hospital of Dr. Hemingway, for which we ask $500.

Our remotest station in Shansi is FENCHOW, which, perhaps, with Paotingfu may be considered our most fruitful field. It is well known through the names of Rev. Watts O. Pye and Dr. Percy T. Watson. So great is the impetus of the work that it has spread across the Yellow River into the Province of Shensi, where churches have recently been established in forty-five walled cities, with many out-stations, all supported by one New England business man. It is a great incentive to be connected with such a rarely successful enterprise as Fenchow. We name $800 for the medical work, $500 for educational work, and $500 for the evangelistic work.

TIENTSIN is the great commercial city of North China, population 1,000,000. Here we have our Mission treasurer, Mr. James H. McCann, and here we have a growing educational and evangelistic work. We have placed, as an attractive item in our budget, the salary of Mr. and Mrs. McCann. Without their business training and efficiency the work of our many institutions would suffer sadly.

PEKING to many is the most interesting city in the world. It is the center of more movements affecting the 800,000,000 people of the Far East than any other spot. The Board has a great work in Peking, much of it being already covered by the subscriptions of churches and individual friends. The salary, however, of our physician, Dr. James H. Ingram, has not been covered, and we are glad to place it in our budget of **Kingdom Investments.**

$20,000 OF GLORIOUS WORK FOR CHRIST

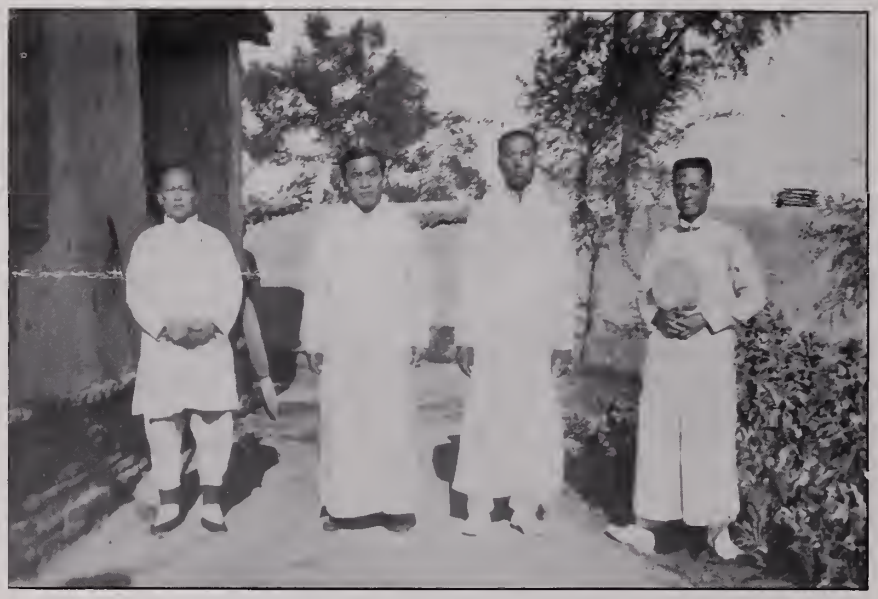
Bringing all these items together, it will be found that they cover ten stations of our four China Missions, and the more important lines of missionary work — evangelistic, educational, medical, industrial. The missionaries, whose salaries are to be covered in whole or in part, present also a wide variety of operations: agriculture, medicine, business, as well as education and evangelism. The total for salaries is $6,000, and for general work $14,000, grand total $20,000. It will take 800 shares at $25 per share to cover this budget. Almost any church could raise $25 annually to subscribe for one share, and certainly many churches could cover two, three, four, or five shares. A certificate will be sent to each subscriber, and three letters a year may be expected full of good stories and reporting upon the on-goings of the work. See our general circular of information, entitled **Kingdom Investments under the American Board** as to the advantages, possibilities, and conditions under which we offer these **Kingdom Investments** in China.

UNDER THIS PLAN EACH SUBSCRIBER IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF SHARING IN EVERY ITEM OF THE BUDGET; HENCE, IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT WE CANNOT ASSIGN ANY ONE ITEM TO ONE PERSON OR GROUP. LET US ALL SHARE TOGETHER IN THIS GLORIOUS WORK FOR CHRIST.

A FEW OF THE BOYS AT THE SCHOOL IN INGTAI

THE FENCHOW CHURCH

DR. HEMINGWAY



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